

Minutes
Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) North Corridor Metrorail Extension
Opa-locka Station Planning Meeting
June 8, 2005

The very brief meeting presentation with general comments was made by Project Manager Dennis Lynziak (only), at about 10:30 pm, at the City of Opa-locka Commission Meeting, as the hour had grown late.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Dennis Lynziak, P.E., Project Manager of Parsons Transportation Group, described the Project to the city Commissioners and those in the audience and promised to return for a subsequent meeting which would afford more dialogue:

This is the Preliminary Engineering Phase in which citizens provide input and recommendations for initial design

- Meeting purpose is to gain neighborhood input of the project
- Commitment to the community and the two cities along the corridor, City of Miami Gardens and City of Opa-locka
- Provided the project schedule and a description of the 9-mile alignment along NW 27th Avenue from 82nd Street to 215th Street. He gave a briefing on each of the seven station location
- Alignment approved in 2004 by Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- This phase will further define alignment, type of structure, columns, and other transit station features
- Consultant will put together a set of plans and submit to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), upon completion of this project phase in December 2005
- The next phase will be Final Design
- More complete project design information by December 6th

CITY OF OPA-LOCKA COMMISSION CONCERNS

Mayor Joseph Kelley:

What will be the architectural features of the Metrorail system and station in Opa-locka?

Vice Mayor Terence Pinder:

1. Residential Housing, will it be affected?
2. Noise is an issue- we already have a problem with noise from the CSX railway. Will a wall be constructed to lessen noise?

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Commissioner Dorothy Johnson:

1. What type of dialogue are you having with businesses which will be affected? Our taxes and utilization systems will be affected.
2. The pillars (columns), in Coral Gables (along US 1) are sleeker. We are concerned about how our city looks. Our citizens will be impacted with construction and digging up of roadway.

Commissioner Rose Tydus:

Where will the parking lot for our station be located? Developing parking is important. There is a need for parking.

Commissioner Timothy Holmes

How easy will it be for the new Metrorail extension to connect with the Tri-Rail? A shuttle bus is usually has a cost, while feeder buses are free.

The MDT – Parsons presentation at the City of Opa-locka meeting ended at about 10:45 p.m.

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MEETING ATTENDANCE
Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Miami North Corridor Metrorail Extension, Preliminary Engineering Phase
OPA-LOCKA STATION PLANNING MEETING
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Charles Brown, Opa-locka Parks Department
Mary Alice Brown. OLCDC/Front Porch
Alvin Burke, City of Opa-locka
Henry Bussey, Jr.
Hugh Bryan, Bryan IWTl
Trenton Daniel, The Miami Herald
Elizabeth Davis
Faye Douglas, City of Opa-locka
Johnnie Green
Ulysses Harvard, Front Porch
Mario Hernandez, Opa-locka Police Department
Sara Holmes, Opa-locka Human Resources
J. Wright
Robert S. Knapp, City Code Enforcement
Rita Lawhorn
Mariluz Londono
Winston Mottley, Opa-locka Finance Director
Christine Porter, Porters Locksmith
Amir Shafi
Ruby Sinclair
Starex Smith
Helen Storr
Al Tate
Ronald Thompson, Watson Rice, CPA
Maria Wimberly

STAFF:

Dennis Lynziak, Parsons Project Manager
Jim Erickson, Parsons Asst. Project Manager
Michelle Simmons, MDT Public Involvement
Mario Garcia& his associate, MDT Planning
Steven Thompson, Earth Tech
Ronald Frazier, Architects
Bobbie Mumford, Public Outreach Coordinator
Jodi Porter, Public Outreach
Deborah Johnson, Public Outreach